



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2019

Third Floor Jury Room, Courthouse Building

12:00 p.m.

Mission: The CJCC exists to promote the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County, the efficient and just treatment of defendants and offenders, the protection and healing of victims, and to work toward prevention of crime and the reduction of recidivism.

1. Call to Order & Reading of the Mission

Commissioner Susan Good Geise called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and Suzanne Seburn read the mission statement.

Members present: Judge Mike Menahan, Commissioner Susan Good Geise, Christin Thennis, Mayor James Schell, Suzanne Seburn, Leo Gallagher, and Sharon Tregidga.

Members excused: Judge Anne Peterson, Justice Michael Swingley, and Jenny Eck

Members absent: Steve Hagen, Sheriff Leo Dutton, and Ana Cortez.

Others in attendance included: Judge Kathy Seeley, Tom Cordingley, John Wilkinson, Kiley Gage, Curt Chisholm, Jillian DeAmicis-Danesi, and Roger Baltz.

Staff in attendance: Kellie McBride and Gloria Soja.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the March 27, 2019 meeting were approved.

3. Correctional Mental Health Conference – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride reminded the Council that the Correctional Mental Health Conference information had been e-mailed out to a large group. Ms. McBride expressed that she hopes to have a team from Lewis and Clark County go to this conference. Sheriff Leo Dutton has committed to sending staff and Criminal Justice Services will be sending two individuals. Leo Gallagher also expressed support and highlighted the need to come back with realistic, actionable expectations. Commissioner Susan Good Geise requested that Commissioner Andy Hunthausen be included when the information is sent out.

4. Stepping Up Initiative – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride highlighted that May is Mental Health Awareness month, and that the Commission would be receiving and signing a proclamation on May 2, 2019, to affirm their support of the Stepping Up Initiative and declaring May as Stepping Up Month. On May 13, 2019, there will be an “Step Up and Drop In” open house at Our Place, and a calendar of activities for the month will be posted to the Criminal Justice Services website.

5. Dashboard Update on Criminal Justice Services – Kellie McBride

Kellie McBride highlighted that Criminal Justice Services would be moving to the 406 building in the next few weeks.

Ms. McBride informed the Council that the Pretrial Services standard operating procedures had been reviewed by the County Attorney's office and submitted to Roger Baltz for review.

Ms. McBride is working with Art Pembroke to hire a project coordinator for an initial two years to develop a work plan and deliverables based on the JMI data report. This position will be primarily funded through the Criminal Justice Services budget.

Ms. McBride informed the Council that St. Peters and the Helena Housing Authority have received a Housing is Healthcare grant. FUSE will be meeting May 6 and 7, 2019 in Helena and would like to meet with the CJCC on May 7th. FUSE will be looking at homelessness and housing across the Criminal Justice System.

Ms. McBride informed the Council that she and Suzanne Seburn would be attending the NNCJCC Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon in June. They will report back at the July meeting.

6. Citizens Advisory Council – Curt Chisholm

Curt Chisholm informed the Council that at the coming CAC meeting, the focus would be on establishing a work group to provide strategy recommendations for the implementation of the Stepping Up Initiative.

7. Public Comment

No public comment received.

8. Next Meeting: May 22, 2019

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Minutes approved on June 26, 2019.